authorities. BIFR have recommended Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd. for winding up. The Management have filed appeal in AAIFR which is under consideration. Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., is in process of preparation of revival scheme.

(e) No, Sir.

Move to dclicence the entertainment electronics industry

*356. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's move of delicencing the entertainment electronics industry is also applicable to the multinationals;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce the excise duty on consumer electronics durable to a reasonable rationale; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Delicensing of any industry is applicable to all entrepreneurs, both domestic and foreign. The foreign investors are however required to obtain necessary approvals for foreign investment separately as per laid down policy and parameters.

(b) and (c) Imposition, enhancement and reduction of excise duties for any industry is normally undertaken as a part of Annual Budget exercise at an appropriate time and is based on the tariff policy, requirements of the industry and other relevant factors.

Spending from the Consumer Welfare Fund in violation of Rules

*357. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was flagrant violation of rules and regulations in 1995 for spending from the Consumer Welfare Fund;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Fund concerned can be utilised only through dole to the consumer bodies as financial assistance; and

(c) whether any inquiry will be conducted and amount recovered from those involved?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) So far, no such violation has come to the notice of the Ministry.

(b) No, Sir. Under the Consumer Welfare Fund Rules any agency/organisation, village/mandal/samiti level cooperative of consumers especially of women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, engaged in consumer welfare activities for a period of three years and registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or under any law for the time being in force is eligible to seek financial assistance from the Fund. Besides, any Industry as defined in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 recommended by Bureau of Indian Standards and engaged for a period of five years in viable and useful research activities which has made or is likely to make significant contribution in formation of standard mark of the products of mass consumption; the State Governments, etc., is also eligible to seek financial assistance from the fund.

(c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.